

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 – 5, 7 – 15 and 17 – 20 are pending in the application.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 6, 9, 10, 12 – 15 and 17 would be allowable. In conformity therewith, allowable claim 6 has been incorporated into claim 1, claim 9 has been amended as a combination of claims 1, 3, 4 and 9, claim 10 has been amended as a combination of claims 1, 3, 4 and 10, claim 12 has been amended as a combination of claims 1 and 12, and claim 17 has been amended as a combination of claims 1, 16 and 17. The remaining dependent claims are all either directly or indirectly dependent upon allowed claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the application should now be in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to expedite placement of the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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